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## WHICH THE MOST BARBAROUS.

The English have been claiming all along that the Boers were conducting the war in a cruel and barbarous manner. There are two recent incidents which shed some light on the question as to which is the real barbarian.

Commandant Scheepers was captured by the British while he was sick and in a hospital, and his execution ordered. Here is the story of a soldier who formed one of the hallow square, inclosed in which Scheepers met his doom: "Commandant Scheepers was shot at 3 o'clock. They brought him from town in an ambulance van with a band playing and the firing party following behind. When they got him to his grave he begged to be allowed to stand up and face death, but they tied him down in a chair and blindfolded him. Then 15 of the Coldstream Guards stood 10 paces from him and fired. The volley almost blew one side of him away, and it was a sickening sight. He must have been a brave man; he did not flinch or turn pale. They buried him as he was and broke up the chair upon which he had sat, throwing the pieces on top of him."

When it is further added that the tune played by the band that conveyed Scheepers to death was a rollicking one and that the victim at the time was suffering from severe wounds the rage and horror excited among the Boers by the execution may be imagined.

It was in the hands of men imbued with these feelings that Gen. Methuen later became a prisoner in open, honorable battle. Did the Boers murder him? well, scarcely. They sent him back to his army under care of his surgeon, telling him to go to his folks and be good.

There is no question of doubt but that Gen. Sherman was right when he said that "war is hell," but there seems to be degrees of devilishness in that South African annex with the chances of the forked tail award going to the British by an overwhelming majority.

## FUNSTON STILL A "VOLUNTEER."

General Fred Funston is still in the hero business. He has been interviewed and banquetted until life looks to him like one long period of unalloyed worship. Recently by way of a novel variant for the monotony he has taken to saying things, and thereby has illustrated the difference between a regular and a volunteer. At a recent banquet in New York he undertook to dissertate on the philosophy of the Philippine situation, illustrate the effect of the arguments at home on the conditions in the islands, and to define the political significance of public sentiment and legislative action. The criticisms his public utterances evoked from the press, the general states "are making him tired," but he still continues to be interviewed, thus further illustrating the fact that he is a volunteer.

Gen. Funston may be as expert in matters of economy as he is in defying death in the flood of a Philippine creek; he may be as well adapted to throw light on "our colonial policy" as he is to lead an expedition for the capture of a "modern George Washington," but he seems to forget that he is a soldier, and that soldier are made for other purposes than the interview and the illustrated weekly papers. What he said is not a matter of great importance except as it sheds light on the characteristics of the speaker, but his rather lengthy argument, which he now claims the president desired him to repeat in Boston, was much more than an acknowledgment of gratitude for the honor done him at the banquet and it was in striking contrast to the soldierly conduct of the late Gen. Lawton, who was also once called on for a speech. Gen. Lawton bowed his acknowledgements and when he sat down said to the man beside him: "I am a soldier."

## THE STAGE AND DIVORCE COURT.

Every once in a while an actor arises to denounce the persons who attach a stigma of immorality to the stage. It is generally done eloquently but not always convincingly, because there are so many in the profession like Lionel Lawrence, manager of a New York theater.

Mr. Lawrence is a marrying man. He has about as able an idea of the sacredness and permanency of the married state as a yellow dog. He is now in the divorce courts after seven months of married life. He has had five wives from behind the footlights and he is still young. It is related that he was wedded once as a "sort of a joke," and several times on impulse. In the last case a friend suggested that he marry and so he did.

There are good men and good women on the stage. But in human lives a class is seldom measured by its virtues, but often by its misdeeds, and the matrimonial affairs of the people who act, often paraded for advertising purposes, are not calculated to increase the respect of humanity. Most people believe in the old fashioned kind of morality. They may not say much about it, but the man thinks of his mother, when wifehood is the issue, and the woman cares most for the man who loves once and for always. They have little patience with the light idea of marriage that permits an actor to wed and divorce till he finds a wife who meets his requirements, or an actress to marry husbands tell the word "love" becomes a mockery.

## GOOD REASONS FOR BRITISH FAILURE.

There are at least three good reasons for British failure to conquer the Boers. The names of these reasons are Botha, DeWet and Delarey.

There have been a thousand excuses advanced for British failure. Great stress has been laid on climate, conditions and the topography of South Africa, distance from home, etc. But Arthur Lynch says it is largely a matter of men. He is the ex-colonel of a regiment of Boer cavalry and now a member of the English house of commons. He knows Botha, Dewet and Delarey as well as you know your brother, and in a Paris paper recently he tells about these rough and unconquered heroes of many battles.

Botha is young in years. A broad shouldered giant, muscular as a wrestler and athletic as a prize fighter. He doesn't know the meaning of fear, and he believes in his cause. Yet, says this English writer, he has a heart like a woman's, and he is kind to those about him. He is a strategist, a skillful tactician and a dashing soldier, always. He possesses some of that indefinable influence over men that made Napoleon famous. Men were glad to die when the "Little Corporal" of France asked for their lives, and they went to their graves face to the foe and smiling.

DeWet was a merchant before the war. He was a warrior without knowing it, and circumstances made him a mighty general. He is about 50 years old, vigorous, solid, hard and dry as wood. He seems to be the embodiment of war. Resistance is in every gesture. He makes his own plans and consults no one. When a project is formed he is adamant. The soldiers who follow him seldom know where he is going, or why DeWet fights like a hunter. He stalks his game. He is a man of surprises. He glides and crawls until the prey is near. Then he strikes, and England mourns again.

Delarey is tall, slender, 49 years old, and a fighter. At home he is known as the "Silent Man." He doesn't talk—he acts, and Lord Roberts says he is kind and humane. Other British officers have paid tribute to his gallantry and shrewdness, referring to him always as a fair fighter.

So there you have a word portrait of three generals and three human reasons for the failure of a mighty nation to conquer a handful of men, even though blood and money and sorrow have not been stinted.

## A CIGARETTELESS SCHOOL.

There are 300 boys at the academy of the Northwestern University, Chicago. In the old days many of them were cigarette smokers. Now you could talk with every man-jack of that school crew, and not once would you be offended by the vile odor of cigarettes.

Dr. H. F. Fisk, of the academy, studied the cigarette question. He found that athletes in training are barred from cigarettes. He discovered that of the seventy-five pupils having the highest standing in his school, but two smoked cigarettes. Of the young fellows who were wholly or partially failures, 57 per cent used cigarettes.

It didn't take Dr. Fisk long to reach a conclusion. He would have scorned the methods of the Cincinnati board of education, which refused to allow a band of noble women to circulate anti-cigarette pledges among the pupils of the public schools. He acted.

He called the 300 students before him and in a plain, heart-to-heart talk, told them that among educators there is no division of opinion as to the injurious effects, both mental and physical, of cigarettes on young men who have not reached maturity. He asked them to stop using them or leave school, tuition to be returned to such as were not satisfied to abide by the new rules.

To the credit of the students, let it be said that not one left, and the academy is effectually and permanently purged of a known evil.

The surest way for Mr. Hanna to prove that our spring to second place in ship building last year was due to anticipation of subsidy grants, is to suspend effort on behalf of that measure, and see whether we drop back.

A Filipino has been sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for sedition. In the absence of details we infer that the hardened wretch was caught with a copy of the Declaration of Independence.

The argument that missionaries shouldn't be blamed for Chinese troubles is probably based on the fact that they meant well.

Indications are that Messrs. Neely and Rathbone will not participate in the forthcoming evacuation of Cuba.

Mr. Money didn't need to tell the senators that the oleomargarine bill is unjust; every one of them knew it.

## Hard to Matriculate.

Mr. Plexoto, lodgekeeper at Gracie college, prides himself on his intimate knowledge of the regulations of the institution. The other day a bright-looking young hoodlum of some 7 years of age, carrying a telescope bag and with a cigarette jauntily poised in his mouth, entered the college.

"Say, I want to come to this school," said the visitor. "You can't come here if you smoke that thing," answered Plexoto.

"Well I'll throw it away," was the ready reply. "Is your father living?" asked the lodgekeeper.

"Course he is," said the boy. "We don't admit pupils whose fathers are not dead, only orphans."

"Gee!" was the response. "Then to get in I've got to kill the old man. Dat's tough!"—Philadelphia Times.

## Both Mistaken.

"My friend," said the man with the patch over his eye, "excuse me for detaining you a moment, but—" "What is it?" asked the citizen whom he had addressed. "If it's a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles you've found and are willing to sell for a dollar, I don't need any glasses. If it's a gold ring with a ruby setting, I don't wear jewelry. If you haven't had anything to eat for twenty-four hours I wish I had your appetite. If it's an explosion in a tunnel you want to show me, I've seen lots of 'em. If it's—" "You seem to be almost as poor a judge of men as I am," interposed the other, with a melancholy smile. "I am a stranger in town and I am trying to find somebody that can direct me to the headquarters of the Baptist Publication society."—Chicago Tribune.

## CURIOUS STORIES

FROM THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

### SOLD HIS OWN DAUGHTER—

For selling his own daughter Jean, 15-years old, to a French waiter for \$50, Pierre Polito, a French-Canadian living at No. 138 West Tenth street, New York, was sentenced to 15 years in prison and fined \$1,000 by Judge McMahon.

### NEEDLE NEAR GIRL'S HEART—

Glady's, the 8-year-old daughter of Joseph Hunt, of Springfield, Mass., has a needle firmly imbedded in the breast an inch above the heart, and its removal will necessitate cutting out one of her ribs. Should the needle work itself downward an inch and touch the heart death would follow.

### INTERESTING DIVORCE SUIT—

The divorce case of Melvin Corey, of Elwood, Ind., is said to have an interesting story behind it. Corey married a pretty neighbor girl against the positive commands of his father and was threatened with disinheritance. The father's heart never softened and last week he died, unforgiving to the last. It is said that his will leaves his property equally to his two sons, providing Melvin gets a divorce from his wife, otherwise to the one child. By some oversight the old gentleman neglected to include the provision that the husband and wife should not marry again, and, it is said, to be the arrangement that the couple shall be legally separated, the estate divided according to the will, and a second marriage follow.

### ANCIENT BANDIT'S TREASURE—

While excavating for a new tunnel of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., at Gallitzin, an Italian workman, Giovanni Patulli, unearthed a pot containing \$2,000 in gold and silver, none of which bears a later date than 1855. He is preparing to return to Italy. It is supposed the money was secreted there by Lewis, the famous robber who flourished in the vicinity of Altoona in the '30s.

### HONORABLE WITH GREATNESS—

Mrs. Ella Hawdon, who would have passed the century mark had she lived until next spring, is dead at her home in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Hawdon served in an army nurse during the civil war, and was personally acquainted with Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and other leaders. She was at the battle of the Wilderness, at Shiloh and before Vicksburg during the siege. Mrs. Hawdon's husband was a steamboat engineer on the Ohio river. Lafayette after a return to America on a visit was a passenger on his boat and fell overboard. It was Hawdon's good fortune to rescue him, and for that service he was presented by Lafayette with a gold medal.

### SCRAMBLED EGGS—

Five hundred dozen of eggs, struck by a fast train on the Pennsylvania Railroad at a point near Bradock, Pa., served to paint the coaches and buildings around about a brilliant yellow. Passenger train No. 60, going east, had stopped at the station, and the express messenger had hauled his truck to the north track preparatory to receiving the packages consigned to that point. Cases containing 500 dozen of eggs, three mail sacks and a large basket of laundry had been loaded on the wagon. No. 7 going west at a rapid rate swooped down on the truck. The eggs were scattered in every direction, and No. 60, with her long line of coaches was given a distinctly yellow hue.

### PRICELESS ANCIENT RELICS—

A priceless heirloom, handed down the centuries, is in possession of Mrs. Fanny Leitzbach of Buffalo, N. Y. It is a scarapal about four inches long by three inches wide, the center portion of which was worn, according to the tradition of Mrs. Leitzbach's family, by Godfrey de Bouillon during the Crusades. It is asserted that this sacred relic was presented by a legend of the Crusades to one of Mrs. Leitzbach's European ancestors, who was the leader's body-servant. The present possessor received this priceless treasure from her mother 18 years ago. According to an unwritten law observed by the family the relic is inherited by the eldest daughter. The central portion of the heirloom, which is believed to be the oldest part of it, is but two and one-half inches long by one and one-half inches wide. It contains what is thought to be some fragmentary relics from the sacred garments and sepulcher of Christ.

### NOVEL IDEA OF HUMOR—

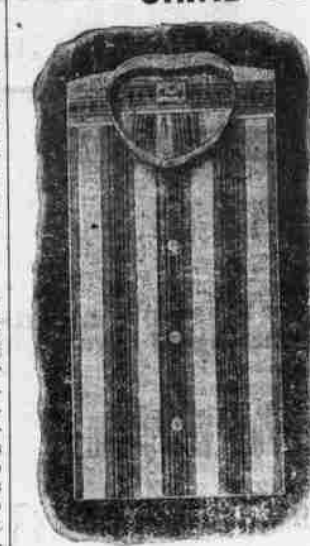
Henry Koster, of Coney Island, is of the opinion that his daughter Clara has the rarest sense of humor of any young woman he has ever known. Being in a merry mood, Miss Clara, who is 25 years old, caused a letter to be written to her brother Konstant from Newark, N. J., where she had been visiting friends, saying that she was dead, and announcing the date of her funeral. Konstant Koster showed the letter to his parents, who were too prostrated from grief to go to Newark, but on the following day (Friday) Konstant and Undertaker Howard of West Eight street, Coney Island, went to the address given in the letter. As soon as they were ushered into the parlor Miss Clara burst in on them with a peal of laughter. "I thought I would wake up you folks," she exclaimed between the peals. "I thought you were getting too dead slow for any use and that I'd better stir you up a bit. Ha! ha! ha! It's the best joke, pa and ma, thinking me dead to know'd they take it? Overcome were they? Oh, my, oh, my! I think I shall die of laughing." The brother angrily told his sister what he thought of her. Then the girl ordered him and the undertaker out of the house. "My daughter's joke" makes me weep," said her father.

### PROFIT IN THROWING FITS—

Because George Gray, 36 years old, has the power of self-hypnotism and can at will suspend heart action, he has been able to victimize many wealthy and sympathetic people. The surgeons at the Presbyterian hospital, New York, after a rigid examination of Gray, pronounced him a physical curiosity. By his "faking" he has an income of \$20 and upward a day. His method was to fall to the sidewalk in front of fine private residences. Usually he would be carried inside and dozed with restoratives. After reviving—that is, to all appearances—he would tell a pitiful story about his misfortunes, and gifts of money and sympathy would be lavished on him.

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